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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG-GDR TALKS ON LEGAL RELATIONS: POSSIBLE

TIE TO FEA

FRG JUSTICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED LATE JULY 18 THAT THE HEAD OF THE GDR DELEGATION IN THE LEGAL RELATIONS TALKS (STATE SECRETARY RANKE OF THEIR JUSTICE MINISTRY) HAS INFORMED BONN THAT THE GDR IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SESSION OF THE TALKS ON LEGAL RELATIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23. NO REASON HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. COMMENT: COMMENTATORS ARE, OF COURSE, SPECULATING THAT GDR ACTION MAY BE STEP TO DEMONSTRATE DISPLEASURE OVER ESTABLISHMENT FEA IN WEST BERLIN (THE FRG ACTED SIMILARLY AFTER GUILLAUME CASE BROKE IN BONN). IT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT LEGAL RELATIONS TALKS HAVE LONG BEEN REGARDED .AS PERHAPS THE MOST DIFFICULT WHICH BONN IS HAVING WITH GDR SINCE, INTER ALIA, THESE NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVE QUESTION OF GERMAN CITIZENSHIP. FRG FON OFF SOURCE TOLD US JULY 19 THAT GDR ACTION COULD CERTAINLY BE CONNECTED WITH FEA, BUT THAT NO CONFIRMATORY EVIDENCE

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IS AT HAND. THE GDR HAS MADE NO SIMILAR MOVE REGARDING

THE 14TH SESSION OF POSTAL TALKS, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 25
AND 26, BUT IF IT SHOULD DO SO THE LIKELIHOOD OF
CONNECTION TO FEA WOULD THEN APPEAR TO BE MUCH GREATER.
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